



Veterans Advisory Council

Frederick County Government

Division of Aging and Independence

Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2023

American Legion Post 96

18 S Maple St, Brunswick, MD

Attendance

Voting Members	Present	Absent	Excused
Edwina Benites			X
Paul Hunter	X		
Sharon Jacko	X		
David Kaye		X	
Wilfred Plumley	X		
Fred Schumacher	X		
Fred Wood	X		
Non-Voting Members			
Jay Hessler	X		
Nan Mann			X
Patty McDonald	X		
Steve McKay	X		

Presenters: Mike Kozicki - American Legion and Yolanda Rayford - Blue Star Families

Staff: Brad Petersen and Michaela Browne

Welcome and Introductions

Wilfred Plumley called the meeting to order at 6: 30pm. Wilfred Plumley led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Establishment of a quorum: After a review of attendance, Wilfred Plumley determined that a quorum of voting members was present.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Sharon made a motion to approve the August agenda. Fred S seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Fred W made a motion to approve the June minutes. Sharon seconded. Motion passed. Fred W made a motion to approve the July minutes. Paul seconded. Motion passed.

Logo and Trifold: Sharon made a motion to approve the logo with presented pending changing the lettering to yellow and adding a rope border. Fred S seconded. Motion passed. Paul made a motion to approve the brochure presented pending changing the lettering to red, the background to blue, and adding location to meeting details. Fred S seconded. Motion passed.

Chair Comments

Wilfred requested that Michaela make a flyer about the VAC to distribute in the welcome packets at the Retiree Appreciation Day.

Fred S announced that the Veteran Court is scheduled to begin in late October.

Michaela will check the old minutes to see who volunteered to coordinate mentors.

Staff Report

Presentations

American Legion

Bluestar Families

Public Comment

Stan Seidel suggested that Maryland match Virginia's Military Medic and Corpsman (MMAC) program. The program attracts trained medical professionals to the state and keeps experienced staff from leaving the state.

Stan stated that Maryland has an opportunity to be at the forefront of non-pharmaceutical treatment for PTSD. Fund training for Maryland professionals in the Reconsolidation of Traumatic Memory (RTM) protocol. This treatment has a 70% success in treating PTSD.

New Business

Michaela requested \$300 for marketing materials to include new tablecloth and brochures for upcoming events in September. Sharon made a motion to approve. Fred S seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion on State Legislation for Veterans

1. Taxes
2. Transportation
3. Usable data, consistent measurements

Discussion on participating in the Brunswick Veterans Day Parade resulted in no further action at this time.

Wilfred made a motion to change the December meeting from the 20th to the 13th. Paul seconded. Motion passed.

Paul made a motion to approve the proposed 2023 VAC meeting schedule. Fred S seconded. Motion passed.

Announcements

Adjournment

Wilfred made a motion to adjourn. Paul seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Date of the Next Meeting

September 20, 2023

Platoon Veteran Service Center, 1750 Monocacy Blvd, Frederick, MD 21701.

Submitted by the Frederick County Division of Aging & Independence.

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